

RAF Blasting of German Ports Forces Change in Luftwaffe Plans, War Analyst Asserts

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Bomb-blasted Britons can find solace in two developments. One is the reported rising toll of nazi planes brought down by Royal Air force night fighters.

The other is a virtual admission from Berlin that sustained bombing of such targets as Hamburg and Bremen has forced at least a temporary shift in luftwaffe tactics.

This admission is implicit in the stress laid in Berlin on the Sunday night blasting of a score of British bomber fields in eastern and central England.

The luftwaffe pounding of London the previous night was obviously pure retaliation. Unless it served to break British morale, it had no great military significance, and both that raid and the subsequent German blasting of British bomber air fields represent a significant departure in nazi air strategy.

Increasingly through April and May, German night raids have been focused on port and ship-building targets in the west of England. The purpose has been plain. It has been to supplement the nazi sea attack in the Atlantic by preventing the landing of war supplies from the United States and by crippling British ship-building and ship repair plants.

It seems certain, however, that nazi concentration on British air fields means that the Royal Air force counter attack is proving effective. If that were not so, the luftwaffe surely would take advantage of the special opportunity these moonlight nights afford to press home the progressive blasting of west coast targets.

Meeting of Big Three Is Expected Soon

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Although Bergeter arrived in Dakar Sunday, Monday's official announcement was the first disclosure that such a journey had been contemplated, much less made.

Chief of State Philippe Petain returned from his Riviera vacation Monday to await the arrival of Darian Tuesday from collaboration conferences with German leaders.

Also high on Petain's list of appointments was one with US Ambassador Admiral William D. Leahy, who has asked an interview to discuss the general European situation, including that of food supplies.

This meeting commanded extraordinary interest in diplomatic circles in view of recent attacks on Leahy personally and the United States in the German-controlled Paris press.

An echo of the warning from Fernand De Brinon, Vichy ambassador to Paris, that France would defend Dakar should the United States attempt to seize it has appeared in the Maris Matin.

Over a picture of the West African port, this defiant caption appeared: "Come and take it!"

NEW YORK, May 12—(AP)—Instead of being insane, as the nazis said, Rudolf Hess "suddenly became sane" when he flew to Britain, a British Broadcasting company commentator declared Monday night.

In an extended commentary on Hess' getaway, picked up in New York by CBS, the British commentator called "the man in the street" said this, in part:

"The news that Hess, officially the third man in Nazi Germany, has landed in Scotland is sensational enough. It never was possible to believe the official story that, although unfit for flying and forbidden to do so by the good, kind fuhrer, he had got hold of a plane when no one was looking and then met with a fatal accident.

"For one thing, Hess was a fine pilot and there had been no suggestion until today that he was suffering from a long standing disease,—except

known as madness. "There was no trace of grief or regret in the announcement of his disappearance. Indeed, the whole communique was callous and hostile. And that reference to his mental confusion, his hallucinations revealed in the letter he left—mental confusion and hallucinations are always attributed by the nazis to those who disagree with them.

"No, it looks to me, as if Hess, so far from becoming a victim of hallucinations and mental confusion, may have suddenly begun to think straight and to get rid of the hallucinations that made him see Hitler as the fuhrer destined to conquer the world.

"It looks as if Hess suddenly saw the truth, perhaps, after living for years in a dream. He may all at once have realized that the whole Nazi system was a monstrous sham, and that Hitler was leading the German people to catastrophe. . . .

"It looks as if Hess suddenly became sane, perhaps, and saw the truth. And if meant one thing—to Hess—death unless he could escape.

"Well, one German who suddenly sees the truth has escaped. One day, millions of Germans will see the truth. It won't be pos-

British Sailors Rescued by German Battleship



This radiophoto from Berlin shows bedraggled British sailors being assigned to quarters aboard a German battleship which rescued them and took them prisoner after sinking their ship "somewhere in the Atlantic." A German officer is shown giving orders to his underlings as two British men, in left background, puff their cigarettes. Name of the battleship was not divulged.

FDR Supported In Ship Plan

Senate Group Okehs Giving Foreign Ships to Britain

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Overton, Bilbo, Radcliffe, Pepper, Lee, Hill, and Mead, democrats, and Senators McNary and Barbour, republicans.

Incidentally, the committee heard from Chairman Emory S. Land of the maritime commission that his report of last week that only eight of the ships sailing from American ports for Britain had been sunk in the first three months of this year did not include vessels which cleared from Halifax. No figures were given on these.

Legislation approved Monday by the house merchant marine committee would authorize the maritime commission to control the departures, destinations and cargoes of all merchantmen. In return the vessels would receive priorities on the use of dock facilities for loading and repair.

The measure apparently was designed to facilitate the commission's task, assigned recently by President Roosevelt, of obtaining a vast pool of shipping for aid to Britain. The commission said it would facilitate "the movement of national defense materials and goods vital to the national economy during the emergency."

The day also brought these other developments: Selective service headquarters requested amendments of the conscription act to permit the deferment of older men. No specific ages were mentioned, but there has been talk of deferring those past 26 or 30 years, and building the conscript army of younger men who would have a longer period of potential usefulness in the reserves.

The house military committee voted to remove all statutory limitations on the size of the army for the next fiscal year. The measure would suspend provisions of a 1920 act fixing the proportions one branch of the service must bear to another.

Senator Pepper (D-Fla.) and the offices of Senators George (D-Ga.) and Mead (D-NY) reported their mail was bringing demands for a declaration of war against Germany and Italy, while Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) said in an interview that the administration "apparently" was trying to induce Eire to enter the war by promising "goods we could not deliver."

Students Plan Installation Of Officers

Joe Bowser, president, and other student body officers at Salem senior high school will be installed Thursday at 12:50 p. m. in an assembly. Five officers for which no candidate received a majority Friday were filled in an election Monday.

Those elected in the revote were: Edith Moxley, vice-president; Helen Zielski, secretary; Roger Wagner, forensic manager; Phyllis Walker, song leader; Don Cutler, sergeant-at-arms.

War News Briefs

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reciprocal trade agreements with Argentina and Uruguay chief meat-producing countries in Latin America.

BUCHAREST, Rumania, May 12—(AP)—Food riots in which hundreds sought to buy large supplies of bread have been followed by government cancellation of plans for two breadless days each week.

SINGAPORE, May 12—(AP)—The government radio announced Monday night that British authorities had sent an Indian army battalion with armored car and auxiliary units to restore order in the Klang district, 225 miles northwest of here on the west coast of Malaya, where 7,000 striking Indian laborers seriously threatened security of the state.

SHANGHAI, May 3—(Tuesday)—(AP)—United States marines were called out to restore order today after a spectacular gun battle on Subling Well road, near their barracks, resulted in the wounding of at least 10 persons, one of them an American police sergeant.

possible for them to escape, except in one way.

"So let us look to the day when the German nation comes to share Hess' hallucinations."

"Someone else then will have to flee for his life—if he can."

Berlin Claims Hitler Deputy Has Lost Mind

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crash, and by implying that he had lost his mind, was suffering "hallucinations" and long had been irresponsible.

Indeed, Berlin announced, that Hitler had forbidden him the use of any plane and that for their negligence in allowing him to take off from Augsburg, Germany, last Saturday, his aides had been arrested.

The British announcement of his internment was bland and offered no open speculation as to what he was doing on a solo flight to Britain in a military plane. Likewise the British radio, in a broadcast heard in the United States, had good words for Britain's extraordinary visitor: It was declared that in all the Nazi hierarchy Hess was "the only idealist." All this pointed unmistakably to a British view that Hess was to be regarded as a man who had had enough of home.

The whole extraordinary story opened the way to much speculation.

In that great continuing engagement so freighted with fate—for in all the west now the one great active front is that of the skies and the sea — British and German bombers grappled desperately.

Overnight there was a mighty duel, British pilots, in an assault which the nazis themselves described as "stronger" than in the past, reported leaving mile upon mile of destructive fire in the great German naval bases of Hamburg and Bremen, aside from attacks upon Emden, the German-held port of Rotterdam; the docks of IJmuiden, the Netherlands, and the Dutch island of Texel off the Netherlands coast.

The Germans for their part acknowledged in effect that this pattern of repeated RAF attacks on key objectives in the reich—it was the third assault in four nights for both Hamburg and Bremen — was having some success.

The Nazi high command itself specifically designated British long-range bomber bases as the chief targets of several hundred German planes sent springing across the channel overnight, offering sources saying more specifically that 20 such bases were effectively raided.

This was formal notice of a change of tactics, British harbors having previously been the arch objectives.

But none of this occasioned so much interest as the mystery of Rudolf Hess — the man who at the start of the war had been publicly designated by Hitler as his second choice for fuhrer should he himself fall, the first bestowal having been made upon Reichsmarshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering.

Hess, who had been an early and avowed hater of communism, had occupied in Nazi party affairs a place second only to Hitler himself, since Goering's speciality has been military rather than political. Hess' liquidation as a party force — whether voluntary, accidental or whatever—paralleled in one minor respect the still unexplained death last June of an erstwhile Mussolini lieutenant, Air Marshal Italo Balbo.

Balbo, too, came to grief in an airplane over Tobruk, Libya. An authoritative Italian source reported that his plane was shredded with bullets; that a British raid was in progress at the time

Strikes, Threatened Walkouts Tie up Ships and Defense Work

By The Associated Press
A new upsurge of labor difficulties halted work yesterday (Monday) on \$500,000,000 of warship construction and other defense contracts in west coast shipyards, and on a \$3,000,000 naval drydock project in Boston.

In addition: A strike was called for 8 a. m. (PST) Tuesday in the Hudson Motor company in Detroit, great Michigan industrial center already in the throes of a teamsters' strike and faced with the threat of a walkout in many General Motors plants on Thursday.

A walkout of 200 employees of the Smoot Sand & Gravel Corporation, building supply concern, threatened to delay emergency construction in Washington, including new buildings for the war and navy departments and additions to the army war college.

Engine, train and yard service men of the Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast railroad voted to strike, but set no date.

Only a relatively small number

of workers—1700 AFL and CIO machinists—were involved in the west coast ship construction dispute. Their walkout, described by President William Green of the AFL as an "outlaw strike," forced the closing, however, of 11 shipyards and drydocks in the San Francisco area with between 15,000 and 20,000 employees.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12—(AP)—Representatives of 9000 CIO loggers of the Columbia river basin indicated Monday that a strike is not planned for Tuesday.

After a meeting with employers, they scheduled further sessions for Tuesday and Wednesday. Al Hartung, CIO district council president, would not comment on possibility of a strike in the near future, but said no progress was made in today's negotiations over a 15-cent-an-hour wage increase, a closed shop and work conditions.

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP)—The labor department certified to the defense mediation board a threatened strike involving 9000 loggers and sawmill workers in the Columbia basin area near Portland, Ore.

The department said the CIO International Woodworkers of America threatened a strike Tuesday against the Columbia basin area loggers and sawmill operators.

PORTLAND, May 12—(AP)—The Portland metal trades council, composed of 28 unions engaged in shipbuilding work, urged the San Francisco machinists union Monday to abide by the coastwide arbitration agreement.

Employers also were informed by the council that it disapproves of the San Francisco local's strike.

Call Board
GRAND Today — Cary Grant, Irene Dunne in "Penny Serenade."
Wednesday — Alice Faye, John Payne, Jack Oakie in "The Great American Broadcast."

Phil Harris Weds Actress
SAN DIEGO, Calif., May 12—(AP)—Alice Faye, 26, blonde movie star, and Phil Harris, 35, orchestra leader, were married Monday in Encanada, Mex., they reported Monday night when they returned to San Diego.

and that the Italian defense was active both on the ground and from fighter planes. "Exactly what happened," this source observed, "may never be known, since these aboard the plane who might be able to tell were killed."

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP)—The flight of Rudolf Hess, Nazi party leader and probably Adolf Hitler's most intimate associate, into British hands in Scotland aroused intense speculation in diplomatic quarters tonight on the possibility of a split in the Nazi hierarchy.

Vets Dedicate Home of Post

Ex-National Leader of Legion Calls for US Unity

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dangers are, that a change be made in the labor post in the cabinet and that strikes in defense industry be no longer tolerated, are the three points in the legion's present platform, Chadwick continued; and he concluded with a declaration that if leadership is not forthcoming from Washington, DC, it must come from the people as a whole.

"I never saw a nation so divided," the speaker observed as the conclusion reached in his recent travels. He pleaded for understanding on the part of workers in defense industry that the issue is not "another dime an hour" but the lives of their sons; and while adhering to the legion's principle that no undue profits be made because of war or the threat of war, he pointed out that profits can be taken away later, wages may be adjusted later—but the one thing that cannot be recovered is time.

Mentioning the legion's endeavor as set forth in its preamble to "promote peace and good will on earth," Chadwick voiced regret at the prospect that it may fail in its ambition to be "the last such organization in America."

Greetings to Capital post and Capital unit of the legion auxiliary upon the occasion of the dedication were brought by Governor Charles A. Sprague, who complimented the post upon performing many community services while delaying the acquisition of a home; Mayor W. W. Chadwick, who said the legion had never failed in its civic duty; Alfred P. Kelley, Oregon department commander of the legion; and Mrs. Josephine Kane, district president of the auxiliary.

Commander Kay J. Stumbo of Capital post presided and Irl S. McSherry was master of ceremonies. On the platform in addition to the speakers were Secretary of State Earl Snell, State Treasurer Leslie W. Scott, Mrs. Harold Perkins, president of Capital unit of the auxiliary, R. E. Owen, president of the Federated Patriotic societies, and Brazier C. Small representing the committee which arranged for purchase and remodeling of the building.

Musical numbers included selections by the auxiliary quartet and the post glee club. Preceding the program "open house" was held and guests of the service organizations inspected the building.

Cat Netmen Top Pacific

Williamette netmen defeated the Pacific university tennis team four matches to three at Forest Grove Monday with all but two of the matches going to three sets.

Summary: Gallaher, Williamette, beat Dudley, Pacific, 6-3, 6-2; Hutchins, Pacific, beat Carkin, Williamette, 8-6, 1-6, 2-6; Gordon, Pacific, beat Sturdevant, Williamette, 6-2, 6-8, 12-10; Olds, Williamette, beat Ward, Pacific, 6-1, 6-3; Rossman, Williamette, beat Welch, Pacific, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

Doubles: Dudley and Gordon beat Gallaher and Sturdevant, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6; Carkin and Olds beat Hutchins and Ward 9-7, 3-6, 8-10.

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of his own, felt pity mount in his heart and he snatched the bride from the hands of the charivareers. He put her in his car and stated that he would, gallant knight that he was, unite her with her beloved.

So he drove away to look for the groom and any stray dragons that might be roaming around the country, like a good knight and minion of the law.

So while he was aiding fair damsel in distress the groom returns. The groom, a little impatient with the whole affair by now, demanded where is his darling wife.

So, reluctantly, they had to tell him that she has fallen into the arms of the law.

So he had to phone the police station and ask them to radio Car No. XI (which should not be identified with any actual police car, living or dead) to bring back his wife and go look for another damsel in distress.

We don't know if he ever got his wife back, because we didn't see any of this on the police reports.

Damage Report Follows Storm

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The falling limb broke the car's windshield and did other damage.

Heavy branches falling on power lines caused most of the trouble experienced by the Portland General Electric company, which reported temporary interruptions in local services in and near Salem. Service was all restored early today.

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company reported about 14 farm exchanges were put out of service. Interruptions in the city service were minor.

The wind also blew a tree over onto a vacant house on the Wade property near North Liberty and Broadway and blew down scaffolding on the new Larmer warehouse in the same neighborhood.

White House Clash Quelled

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP)—A clash between what police said was soldiers and marines off duty and a group picketing the White House occurred Monday night.

Police who were called to Pennsylvania avenue in front of the White House brought one soldier and marine back to headquarters and said a picket had been sent to a hospital for treatment of minor injuries.

Placards carried by the pickets identified the demonstration as that of the American Peace Mobilization.

One of the marchers was struck in the face by a belt buckle, Walcott said, and was taken to a hospital for treatment.

Sprague Mulls Bench Vacancy

Will Take Few Days to Decide Numerous Judge Candidates

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support of any individual for the appointment, J. Ray Rhoden, secretary, announced Monday night.

Statehouse observers continued to maintain appointment of an eastern Oregon man was the strongest possibility.

WASHINGTON, May 12—(AP)—David Eccles, executive secretary to Governor Sprague of Oregon, conferred Monday with Senators McNary (R-Ore) and officials of the office of production management in an effort to fit his state more closely into the defense program.

"Oregon is 3000 miles away from Washington and in setting up our defense council and other defense activities it was necessary to carry on all negotiations by mail and wire," Eccles said. "This slowed things down and I came to discuss with officials concerned the best procedure to follow."

Eccles said he expected to be here until the last of the week.

United States army officials' recent tours through the Willametta valley in search of cantonment sites were made purely in order to be prepared should additional camps be required rather than to meet immediate needs, Maj. Gen. E. D. Peek, San Francisco, commanding general of the Ninth corps area, told Gov. Charles A. Sprague here Monday afternoon.

The general's statement appeared to minimize fears recently expressed by farmers in Folk county south of Dallas that they were in danger of having their lands condemned by the army, whose officers are understood to have that district and adjoining sections of northern Benton county as one future cantonment site.

Gen. Peek, the governor said, pointed out that the army would have to have additional authority from congress and additional appropriations to finance any major new cantonment in the valley. He indicated the surveys were taken merely as preparedness steps. More detailed surveys are now under way.

The governor expressed general satisfaction with Oregon's defense activities.

Suspect Admits Auto Prowling

Eugene Lovelace, 2219 Hyde street, charged by police Saturday night with car prowling, admitted Monday a number of other car prowling offenses, police said.

Lovelace admitted, police reported, theft of a saw, shoes and groceries from a car owned by Bud O'Brien, route two. The saw was recovered at Lovelace's home along with a number of automobile wheels and tires.

Advertisement for 'The Great American Broadcast' featuring Alice Faye, Jack Oakie, John Payne, and Cesar Romero. Includes details about the show's schedule and location at the Grand Theatre.

Advertisement for Liberty Theatre featuring 'All This and Heaven Too' with Bette Davis and Charles Boyer.

Advertisement for Hollywood 15 Theatre featuring 'Spring Parade' with Deanna Durbin and 'Charter Pilot' with Lloyd Nolan and Lynn Bari.

Advertisement for State Theatre featuring 'Love Thy Neighbor' with Jack Benny and Fred Allen, and 'Charter Pilot' with Lloyd Nolan and Lynn Bari.

Advertisement for Capitol Theatre featuring 'Man-Made Monster' with Lon Chaney, Jr. and 'Horror Island' with Dick Foran.